

Supplementary Files

Supplementary Table 1 – Initial Topic Guide

Focus	<i>Objectives (s)</i> and key discussion points (nb. these are not direct questions)
Professional Experience and Understanding/Knowledge of FGM/C	<p>Explore reasons for volunteering in study</p> <p>Explore experiences of treating FGM/C affected women</p> <p>Explore understanding of FGM/C and FGM/C types</p> <p>Explore understanding of impacts/consequences of FGM/C for survivors</p>
Cultural Significance	<i>To understand the perceptions to FGM/C as a cultural practice</i>
	<p>Explore understanding of culture and attitudes around FGM/C</p> <p>Explore personal views on FGM/C and whether this is influenced by ethnic group</p>
FGM/C Abandonment	<i>To identify barriers and facilitators to the abandonment of FGM/C</i>
	<p>Explore understanding of FGM/C prevalence in local population (Kajiado)</p> <p>Explore awareness of national and local efforts for FGM/C abandonment</p> <p>Explore opinions to FGM/C abandonment in Kenya</p> <p>Explore awareness of legal status of FGM/C in Kenya</p> <p>Explore views on what is hindering FGM/C abandonment in Kenya</p> <p>Explore views on what more can be done to promote FGM/C abandonment in Kenya</p>
Medicalisation of FGM/C	<i>To explore the attitudes to the medicalization of FGM/C</i>
	<p>Explore definitions of medicalized FGM/C</p> <p>Explore understanding of changes in practice of medicalized FGM/C in Kenya</p> <p>Explore opinions for why people may seek medicalized FGM/C</p>

	<p>Explore awareness of why some health professionals may practice medicalized FGM/C</p> <p>Explore personal attitudes to medicalized FGM/C</p> <p>Explore perceptions around which stakeholders should be involved in combatting medicalized FGM/C e.g health professionals, government bodies, public etc</p>
Alternatives to FGM/C	<p><i>To explore attitudes to alternatives of FGM/C such as Alternative Rites of Passage</i></p>
	<p>Explore awareness of alternatives to FGM/C</p> <p>Explore understanding of Alternatives Rites of Passage (ARP)</p> <p>Explore experience of ARP in Kajiado</p> <p>Explore opinions to FGM/C alternatives such as ARP</p>

Supplementary Table 2 – Participant Characteristics

Participant Characteristics	N (%)
Gender	
Female	11 (61)
Male	7 (39)
Age (years)	
25-29	2 (11)
30-34	3 (17)
35-39	8 (44)
40-44	3 (17)
50-54	2 (11)
Ethnicity	
Maasai	9 (50)
Kisii	2 (11)
Kikuyu	1 (6)
Luo	1 (6)
Meru	1 (6)
Kamba	1 (6)
Nubian	1 (6)
Kenyan-Arab	1 (6)
Kenyan-Somali	1 (6)
Current Profession	
Doctor	5 (28)
Nurse	11 (61)
Other (including social and community professionals)	2 (11)
Years Qualified in Role	
0-5	5 (28)
5-10	6 (33)
10-15	4 (22)
15-20	1 (6)
>20	2 (11)
Currently providing care to FGM/C affected girls/women?	
Yes	13 (72)
Daily	8 (44)
Weekly	1 (6)
Monthly	4 (22)
No	5 (28)
Within the last year	3 (17)
Within the last 5 years	2 (11)
Perception of FGM/C Prevalence in Kajiado	
High	17 (94)
Low	1 (6)
Awareness of anti-FGM/C efforts in Kajiado	
Yes	15 (83)
No	3 (17)
Awareness of FGM/C legislation in Kenya	
Illegal	16 (89)

Unsure	2 (11)
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